

Lake Tahoe, Calif.
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Dear Hank -

Ester and I arrived in Berkeley some 3000 miles and four weeks after leaving Madison. But we had another week left before courses begin, so are touring California.

At Berkeley, I was disappointed to learn that Ellis Engleberg (whom I believe to have mentioned to you before) had not been awarded the PHS fellowship on which he had hoped to work in my laboratory next year.

I am writing you now to ask whether there would be any point in suggesting that he correspond with you in reference to the possibility of working at the Enzyme Institute. I think that he would be well qualified, in interest and background, to work on some of the various microbial enzyme problems (genetic or not) that we have discussed in your office.

So far, I have had only a very brief contact with him, and can say nothing yet of what sort of prospect he may be. He still has a couple of (relatively unsatisfactory) irons in the fire, so he is not completely out on a limb for a job. I have not broached the possibility of the Enzyme Institute with him, not wishing to excite his hopes in a possibly hopeless direction. If the possibility is not completely closed, I will try to find out whatever I can about him to report to you. Everyone I have talked with so far is well impressed.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg